

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image pickup apparatus comprising:  
image pickup means for generating image data;  
and

5 inspection data generating means for generating  
inspection data necessary to inspect whether the  
image data is modified or not,

wherein a generation method of the inspection  
data is changed according to a recording method of  
10 the image data.

2. An image pickup apparatus, comprising:  
image pickup means for generating image data;  
and

15 inspection data generating means for, according  
to one of a first generation method and a second  
generation method, generating inspection data  
necessary to inspect whether the image data is  
modified or not,

20 wherein data indicating a generation method of  
the inspection data is added to the image data.